

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, November 3, 1901

1331 Conn. Ave. Washington. Nov. 3d 1901 My dear Alec,

I feel as though I had not written you very often lately, but it is not that I haven't thought of you I, for very decidedly the contrary is the case, but I don't seem to have had time for it. I have been trying to write an account of Papa for the catalogue that the Congressional Library is making of his engravings and I have found it the hardest job, not so much in the writing, although that comes hard enough, but in the difficulty of finding time to do the work in. I envy those business men who can go down to their offices, and work steadily all day. I think that I might accomplish something then. As it is I have been getting up early every morning, and about all that I have done has been before nine o'clock.

I finished my account this morning, and took it to Mamma. She said that it was very well done, but made what I knew to be the just criticism that it was too complete for the purpose required as a whole, and not specific enough as to the special point desired. I think however that it will not be difficult to modify it now, and will go to work tomorrow.

I am going to send you a mysterious telegram, after your own heart tomorrow. I shall entertain myself imagining the excitement that it will create, — excitement that you alone can manufacture! I have not seen it in the New-York Herald myself but Charlie says that it is there, and it is certainly in enough Washington papers. Charlie says that the man at the head of it has been exposed several times, but it does not make any difference. Charlie does not say for you to do anything about it, but agreed that it might be as well that you should know that your name was being used in what wars probably a forgery.

I hate the idea of taking Daisy away from you especially as she seems so well and happy, but she would feel it very much if she were not here to welcome the little one, and then too

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the tea is the first party that Mamma has given since Papa's death, and it seems as if one at least of her eldest grandchildren and your daughter should be present. I am not so sure but what Elsie might go also. One of the boys at Twin Oaks today asked Gipse y if it was C M iss Bell they seemed to find it hard to believe that it was real y l y Mrs Grosvenor. And the other day my dressmaker wanted to make Elsie an evening gown, and when she said that she was not going out observed "Oh, you are not out then."! So you see that she must pass muster. I must admit however, that it depends somewhat on the clothes she wears. Anyway she continues wonderfully well and that i t s so much to be thankful for. Dr Sowers says now that she was right, and that the little one is not due until after the 15th. How do you like the Magazine this month? Bert says that it is almost whole y his work. He says that the last months number was reviewed in the Review of Reviews in no less than seven different places. I have not heard from you for some time and am getting homesick for you. The only thing is that I know that you are happier where you are. I saw your Father today, he is well, but will be glad to see you. Mrs Bell says that he often dreams of you, and says how nice it will be to have you come in and lift up his feet on to your. knees, as you are so fond of doing.

Your loving wife ?alk dear — I take care of my dear husband